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I think that the settlement is absurd. Microsoft has done damage to companies I've worked for and companies I will work for in the future.

It's insane to allow a company like Microsoft to leverage Windows and bust up areas of viable business by claiming "extension to the operating system".

There are many examples of this:

1. Internet Explorer
2. Media Player
3. CD recording

And the list will continue to go on and on.

An operating system, by definition, allows computer software to interact with hardware through some form of user interface. That's it. These other features, while they may be handy, are certainly extraneous to an operating system and are definitely outside of the definition of what Microsoft is selling.

This allows them to force other players out of markets and charging more for the "value-add".

Thanks for taking the time to consider my opinion in regards to the settlement. Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,
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